

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 13-297

(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Pedro A. Godoy, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, this Office received a complaint reporting Pedro A. Godoy for notary misconduct and thereafter initiated an investigation of alleged violations of the notarial statutes contained in Chapter 117, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, based on the evidence supplied by the complainant, it appears that Pedro A. Godoy notarized a signature on a document when the signing party was not in his presence at the time of the notarization, failed to include a complete jurat or notarial certificate specifying the manner of identifying the signatory, and notarized a signature on a document without satisfactory evidence of the signatory's identity, in violation of Sections 117.107(9), 117.05(4)(f), and 117.05(5), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2013, and September 3, 2013, this Office mailed letters to Pedro A. Godoy requiring that he provide a sworn written response as part of the investigation by this Office regarding the complaint of notary misconduct; and

WHEREAS, to date, Pedro A. Godoy has refused to cooperate with, or respond to, the investigation by this Office regarding the complaint of notary misconduct; and

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2013, this Office required Pedro A. Godoy's immediate resignation from the office of notary public, pursuant to Section 117.01(5)(b); and

WHEREAS, to date, this Office has not received the required resignation of Pedro A. Godoy; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Pedro A. Godoy, be immediately suspended from the public office, which he now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution and Section 117.01(4), Florida Statutes, find and state as follows:

- A. Pedro A. Godoy is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 117.01, Florida Statutes.
- B. Pedro A. Godoy is commissioned as a Florida notary public from July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2015.
- C. Pedro A. Godoy notarized a document when the signer was not in his presence at the time of the notarization, in violation of Section 117.107(9), Florida Statutes.
- D. Pedro A. Godoy failed to complete a jurat or notarial certificate with all of the required information, in violation of Section 117.05(4)(f), Florida Statutes.
- E. Pedro A. Godoy notarized a signature on a document without satisfactory evidence of the signatory's identity, in violation of Section 117.05(5), Florida Statutes.
- F. Pedro A. Godoy refused to cooperate or respond to an investigation by the Executive Office of the Governor, as required by Section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premise, and in accordance with the Florida Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued:

Section 1. Pedro A. Godoy is suspended from the public office which he now holds:
Notary Public of the State of Florida.

Section 2. Pedro A. Godoy is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of this public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of this public office during the period of suspension, which shall begin today until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 14th day of October, 2013.

RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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